

**Groveton Paper Mill Parcels  
19 Main Street  
and  
10-12 Mechanic Street  
Village of Groveton  
Town of Northumberland, NH**



**DES Site Number:** 200801066

**[ONESTOP Master Id.: 62881](#)**

**Date of update:** March 15, 2010

**Description:** This site is occupied by a vacant paper mill, which is comprised of numerous buildings. The mill was in operation from 1891 until 2006. The last occupants of the mill complex were Wausau Papers of NH Inc. and Groveton Paperboard Inc. The mill has been vacant since approximately 2006. The mill parcels are currently owned by Groveton Paperboard Inc. and Groveton Acquisition LLC.

**Potential Environmental Concerns:** Potential concerns associated with this property include potential releases of petroleum products from storage tanks, potential releases of chemicals related to the paper making industry, the likely presence of hazardous building materials (namely asbestos and lead paint) that must be considered as part of renovation

plans for the building, and the potential presence of PCBs associated with transformers, electrical, equipment, and hydraulic fluids.

**Previous Work:** A Brownfields Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed by Nobis Engineering Inc. for North Country Council Inc. in March 2009. This work was funded with an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant awarded to North Country Council.

**Current Work:** DES contracted Nobis Engineering to conduct a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment of the site. The Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is expected to involve the collection and analysis of soil samples and groundwater samples to assess surface and subsurface environmental conditions at the site. Select building materials will also be sampled to assess the presence or absence of PCBs in areas of stained concrete flooring and/or specific areas where PCB releases may have occurred.

The Phase II Assessment work was started in January 2010 and is expected to be completed and available for public review in May/June 2010.

Copies of all available Brownfields reports for this site can be accessed from the DES ONESTOP database at [ONESTOP Master Id.: 62881](#).

**Scheduled Public Events:** There are no public meetings currently scheduled for this site.

**Cleanup Planning:** Cleanup planning documents have not yet been prepared for this site. Cleanup planning documents will be prepared and released for public comment once the Phase II Environmental Assessment work and any necessary supplemental assessment work has been completed.

**Section 106 of Historic Preservation Act:** DES submitted a Project Review Request to the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources – Division of Historical Resources (DHR) for consultation prior to undertaking the Phase II Site Assessment. DHR issued a determination of “No Potential to Cause Effects” on January 11, 2010 and requested further consultation if additional assessment work is necessary.